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DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT

1. LE MONDE OF JUNE 2 - 3 CARRIES FOLLOWING FRENCH
GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ISSUED MAY 31:

"THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS NEVER FAILED TO
SHOW ITS INTEREST IN THE REESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE IN THE
NEAR EAST, WELCOMES WITH GREAT SATISFACTION THE AGREE-
MENT WHICH WAS SIGNED TODAY CONCERNING THE DISENGAGEMENT
OF ISRAELI AND SYRIAN FORCES ON THE GOLAN AND HAILS THE
EFFORTS WHICH HAVE USEFULLY BEEN MADE TO ACHIEVE IT.

"IT CONSIDERS THAT THIS AGREEMENT, JUST AS THE ONE
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WHICH TOOK PLACE PREVIOUSLY ON THE CANAL FRONT,

CONSTITUTES A FIRST STEP TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE NEAR EAST ON THE BASIS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS WHICH OUGHT TO BE APPLIED IN ALL THEIR PARTS.

"THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT RECALLS IN THIS CONNECTION THAT IT ADHERED, AS DID ALL GOVERNMENTS OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, TO THE COMMON STATEMENT OF NOVEMBER 6, 1973, WHICH ENUNCIATED THE PRINCIPLES OF A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT, APPLYING AS MUCH TO TERRITORIAL MATTERS AS TO THE RESPECT DUE TO THE INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF EACH STATE IN THE REGION. THE NINE POWER TEXT ALSO UNDERLINES THE INTEREST ATTACHED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES CAPABLE OF ASSURING THE RESPECT BY ALL OF THE PEACE SETTLEMENT TO COME.

"FRANCE, FOR ITS PART, REMAINS READY TO BRING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE SEARCH FOR SUCH A SETTLEMENT.

"THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WISHES, MOREOVER, TO NOTE THAT IN ITS EYES ANY PEACE SETTLEMENT, IF IT IS TO BE JUST AND LASTING, OUGHT TO MAKE EQUITABLE ALLOWANCE FOR THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PALESTINIANS".
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